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Thursday, April 21, 2022.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Kerans of Danvers) congratulating the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Henry A. Sullivan, 584 on the occasion of their one hundredth anniversary; and

Catholic
Daughters of
the Americas.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. McKenna of Webster) commending the Dudley Gendron Post 414 American Legion in the town of Sutton on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of its establishment;

Dudley,—
Grendon
Post 414.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Orders.

The following order (filed by Mr. Finn of West Springfield) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities be granted until Friday, June 10, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current Senate document numbered 88, and House document numbered 211.

Children, Families
and Persons with
Disabilities
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4713) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The following order (filed by Mr. Cusack of Braintree) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Revenue be granted until Thursday, June 30, 2022, within which time to make its final report on current House documents numbered 4634 and 4637.

Revenue
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committees on Rules, reported that the order (House, No. 4719) ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Reports.

Reports

Of the Cannabis Control Commission (under Section 18 of Chapter 94G of the General Laws) submitting its annual audit report [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on Ways and Means, as required by law];

Cannabis
Control
Commission.

Of the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health (under Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws) submitting calendar year 2021 annual report of facilities other than the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Bridgewater being used for treatment of certain males and the number of persons so committed to such facilities in the previous year;

MCI-
Bridgewater,—
treatment
of males.

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the February 2022 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Report;

Unemployment
Insurance Trust
Fund.

Of the Future of Work Special Commission established (under Section 92 of Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020, and reporting date extended by Section 97 of Chapter 24 of the Acts of 2021) to conduct a comprehensive study relative to the impact of automation, artificial intelligence, global trade, access to new forms of data and the internet of things on the workforce, businesses and economy [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and Labor and Workforce Development, as required by said law];

Future of
Work Special
Commission.

Of the Mosquito Control Task Force for the Twenty-First Century (under Section 3 of Chapter 120 of the Acts of 2020, and revived and continued under Section 87 of Chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021) regarding recommendations of the task force; and

Mosquito
Control Task
Force.

Final report of the Civil Service Special Commission (under Section 107 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020, and revived and continued by Section 19 of Chapter 76 of the Acts of 2021) to study and examine the civil service law, personnel administration rules, hiring procedures and by-laws for municipalities not subject to the civil service law and state police hiring practices; and

Civil Service
Special
Commission.

Second quarterly report of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (under Section 2 of Chapter 35 of the Acts of 2021) submitting its Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit (SAECK) report for April, 2022;

Sexual Assault
Evidence
Collection Kit.

Severally were placed on file.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Mr. Livingstone of Boston (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paola Rossetti and others for adoption of resolutions requesting the Governor (with consent of the council) to remove First Justice Patricia A. Gorman from the Norfolk County Probate and Family Court.

Justice Patricia
Gorman,—
removal.

By Mr. Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 7A) of Steven G. Xiarhos that Wayne A. Ellis be authorized to purchase creditable service from the Barnstable County Retirement Board.

Wayne Ellis,—
creditable
service.

By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to further regulate notices of public information requests. Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Public
information.

Papers from the Senate.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Financial Services be granted until April 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 627, 639, 652, 656, 663, 665, 678, 682, 697, 703, 720, 726 and 732 relative to financial services matters.

Financial
Services
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham, the order (Senate, No. 2634), was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order, having been approved by the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Financial Services be granted until June 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 709, 711 and 712 relative to financial services matters.

Id.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order (Senate, No. 2635), was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

The following order came from the Senate with the endorsement that it had been adopted by said branch, as follows:

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs be granted until April 30, 2022 within which time to make its final report on current Senate documents numbered 2395, 2396, 2417, 2424, 2425, 2428, 2431 and 2434 and House documents numbered 3640, 3643, 3655, 3664, 3667, 3668, 3672, 3674, 3680 and 3698 relative to veterans and federal affairs.

Veterans and
Federal Affairs
committee,—
extension
of time for
reporting.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the order (Senate, No. 2824), was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2841) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Christine P. Barber, Mike Connolly and Erika Uyterhoeven (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Somerville to continue the employment of Charles J. Femino as acting chief of police, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Public Service.

Somerville,—
Charles
Femino.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Steven S. Howitt and others relative to the theft of vehicle catalytic converters. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition

Catalytic
converters,—
theft.

(accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following House bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

Relative to insurance companies (House, No. 1222);

Creating a local option property tax cap for low-income seniors (House, No. 3055);

Amending the charter of the town of North Andover town meeting warrant posting (House, No. 3747) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the appointment of police officers in the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4258) [Local Approval Received];

Concerning the appointment of retired Salem firefighters as special firefighters within the city of Salem (House, No. 4265) [Local Approval Received];

Relative to the authority of the Martha's Vineyard Commission and the town of Oak Bluffs to exchange parcels of land (House, No. 4321) [Local Approval Received]; and

Providing for the disposition of certain land in the town of West Brookfield (House, No. 4519) [Local Approval Received];

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

By Mr. Driscoll of Milton, for the committee on COVID-19 and Emergency Preparedness and Management, on Senate, No. 253 and House, Nos. 480 and 496, a Bill for a better prepared Massachusetts (House, No. 4714).

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, for the committee on Public Health, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to pregnancy loss awareness (House, No. 4558).

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 1E, to the committee on Health Care Financing.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on Senate, No. 1067 and House, Nos. 493, 1601 and 1602, a Bill modernizing notary services (House, No. 4716).

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, for the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, on House, No. 3123, a Bill providing federal and state budget information to residents of the Commonwealth (House, No. 4718).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Day of Stoneham, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill relative to the punishment of organized retail crimes (House, No. 1512).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1134 and House, No. 1661, a Bill criminalizing sexual assault by fraud of a medical professional (House, No. 1661).

By the same member, for the same committee, on Senate, No. 1124 and House, No. 1712, a Bill to promote efficiency in co-parent adoptions (House, No. 4715).

By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill providing that officers in all positions of the Falmouth Police Department subject to Chapter 31 of the General Laws shall be exempt from the civil service law (House, No. 4577) [Local Approval Received].

Insurance.

Seniors,—
property taxes.

North Andover,—
town meeting.

Plymouth,—
police.

Salem,—
firefighters.

Oak Bluffs,—
land.

West
Brookfield,—
land.

Personal
protective
equipment.

Pregnancy
loss.

Notary
services,—
modernization.

Federal and
state budget
information.

Retail crimes,—
punishment.

Medical
professionals,—
sexual assault.

Adoptions,—
co-parents.

Falmouth,—
police
department.

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By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 4535, a Bill authorizing the town of Middlefield to continue the employment of Fire Chief Ronald Radwich (House, No. 4717) [Local Approval Received].

Middlefield,—
Ronald
Radwich.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measure.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Kim Souza, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 2702), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble. A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Kim Souza,—
sick leave.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Shana Hicks, an employee of the Department of Public Health (see Senate, No. 2792) (which originated in the Senate), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Supporting safe excavation practices (House, No. 3297);

Designating a certain node of the Blackstone River Greenway in the town of Millville as the Margaret M. Carroll memorial greenway access area (House, No. 4213); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Josalyn Gibson, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services (House, No. 4653);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bills.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.; and that notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 12, the Clerk be authorized to publish a Calendar for said sitting containing only the General Appropriation Bill.

Next
sitting.

At twenty-nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Gifford of Wareham (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M.